



Our journey started on Saturday, January 28th, 2017. We met at 5:15 pm in Gelnhausen, went by bus to Calais, France and took the ferry to Dover, UK. Unfortunately, we could not really see the famous white cliffs of Dover because it was still dark outside. We continued our journey by bus to Bournemouth where we arrived at 10 am.

A guide introduced us to the programme and we were picked up by our host families. Our host Sebastian is a photographer on festivals and a surfer. He lives together with his wife Jo and two extremely sweet dogs. Jo owns two coffee shops in midtown Bournemouth. They were extremely pleasant and friendly and their house is far beyond our estimates.

On our first day we did not have any programme, so we unpacked our luggage and went to the sea which was about ten minutes away from our house. The weather was like the cliché: rainy, cloudy and windy. That is why we did not stay there for a long time. We were very tired because of the long distance ride, so we went home and fell asleep within minutes.

After breakfast on Monday, we went to the town centre where we spent our free time exploring the city and shopping. Bournemouth is a typical English holiday destination. There, you can find all sorts of entertainment, long sandy beaches and a pier into the sea. From 1 pm to 5 pm we had some lessons in the Cavendish School of English in Bournemouth and afterwards we watched the movie "Maze Runner" together in school.



On Tuesday, we visited London, where we had a sightseeing tour. The popular buildings like the Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and the Buckingham Palace were really impressive. After our expedition we had some free time to stroll through other parts of London, go shopping or take pictures. For me, London was great. One of the things that impressed me most was the multi-cultural climate in the city. It was obvious that London is a magnet for people from all around the world.

The next day started with two lessons in school and continued with a drive to Salisbury where we explored the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, which is the highest cathedral in the United Kingdom. After

this imposing excursion we went to Stonehenge where we had some time to take photos and learn something about its history.

On Thursday, we visited Oxford. We saw many colleges and old buildings like the famous Radcliffe Camera and the Herford Bridge. Seeing a unique university city like Oxford was a great experience. This charming city has got two faces. On the one hand, it has a lot of old buildings with a long history. On the other hand, it is an extremely young city with all those students hanging around or going to their classes.



Friday was our last day. Leaving our host family was a little bit sad. Even though the time in Bournemouth was so short, we were quite close to them. They invited us to come back whenever we liked, even if the UK might not be part of the European Union anymore.

After six lessons in school, we went to Bournemouth city to spend our last few hours there. We used our time to take a walk on Bournemouth's beautiful beach. At 5 pm we went back home. We were sad and wistful but also happy because we gained really important experiences.



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